GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
TOURISM
LOK SABHA

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Travel Advisory
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Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether some countries including Russia has struck India from the list of safe travel destinations for its citizens recently;
(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor along with its likely impact on the tourism industry in India;
(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the Russian Government;
(d) if so, the details and the outcome thereof; and
(e) the other steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India a safer destination for foreign tourists?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR TOURISM (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(DR. MAHESH SHARMA)

(a) and (b): No, Madam. Important source markets like USA, Germany, Canada, France, Australia including Russia have not struck India from the list of safe travel destinations for its citizens. However, some countries have advised their citizens to exercise caution while travelling to some parts of India.

As regards the impact on the tourism industry, there is a continuous increase in Foreign Tourist Arrivals (FTAs) in India in the recent past.

The number of FTAs during 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 are as follows:
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Year FTAs
2011 6309222
2012 6577745
2013 6967601
2014 7679099
2015 8027133
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(c) and (d): Does not arise.

(e): Details of steps taken/being taken by the Government to make India a safer destination for foreign tourists is placed at Annexure.

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